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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed on February 13, 2002, please enter the following amendments and remarks.

In the Claims

Please cancel claims 2, 3, 9, 13 and 14. Please amend claims 4, 6, 7 and 10-12 as follows:

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4. (Once Amended) A master information carrier according to claim 15, wherein said non-magnetic solid material comprises a polymer material.

B2
6. (Once Amended) A master information carrier according to claim 15, wherein a protective film is formed on the surface of said ferromagnetic film and said non-magnetic solid material.